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## National Bakery to Bring 38 Jobs, \$4.5 Million Investment to Surry County

State Grant Helps Harvest Time Bread Expand in Mount Airy

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Bev Perdue today announced that Harvest Time Bread of North Carolina LLC, a national baker for the grocery and food service industries, will expand its operations in Surry County. The company plans to invest \$4.5 million and create 38 jobs during the next three years in Mount Airy. The announcement was made possible in part by a \$100,000 performance-based grant from the One North Carolina Fund.

"North Carolina continues to attract companies looking for the perfect location to invest and create jobs," Gov. Perdue said. "Our skilled workforce and top-rated business climate provide an ideal foundation for companies looking to expand. Creating jobs continues to be my top priority."

Harvest Time Bread of North Carolina is a wholly owned subsidiary of Harvest Time Bread Co., headquartered in New Jersey. The company, which produces a wide variety of breads, rolls, whole grain and organic products, operates a bakery in New Jersey and one in Mount Airy, which employs 86 people.

Harvest Time Bread, which leases a facility in Mount Airy, plans to purchase that plant and expand operations and products to better serve the Southeastern U.S. market. While wages will vary by job function, the 38 new positions will pay an annual average wage of \$25,790, not including benefits.